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Impending Dan-Egged merger is 'eyewash'

By Zeev Schulman
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV — Authorities here yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post* that talk of an imminent merger between the country's two bus cooperatives was "eyewash," intended to placate disgruntled cooperative members. The Dan-Egged merger had only scant chances of being implemented within the next year or so, they said.
The sources suggested that Dan members will not, at their forthcoming general meeting, approve the merger, in view of the discrepancy in assets and economic standing between the two companies (Egged is worse off).
But even if they do approve, it will take quite a long time before the remaining differences, including redistribution of assets on a parity basis, the sources said.
It is understood that the Transport Ministry has itself revised its attitude towards the merger and no longer approves of the deal. Ministry executives are believed to be concerned over the possibility that a single transport monopoly might be able to paralyze traffic at will, in spite of legal constraints, and that it would also complicate approval of the different routes.
According to Dan spokesman Aharon Shani, "I will take the co-ops the better part of a year to implement a full merger. He does not expect this to happen before next fall."

Shaare Zedek rejects charges of Negev surgeon-snatching

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter
In the wake of a mounting press campaign concerning the "snatching" transfer of seven surgeons from the Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Beersheba to the Negev Hospital in Beersheba, the latter on Tuesday abandoned its stand of not entering the controversy and issued a statement rejecting the charges.
The statement was published on Sunday by MK Jacques Amir in a statement to the Knesset State Committee. Quoting Prof. Moshe Prywes, dean of the Medical Faculty of Ben-Gurion University and head of Kupat Holim in the Negev, Amir said the Jerusalem institution had lured the physicians away, leaving the Negev in dire straits, medically.
"It is a new statement," said Shaare Zedek's press reports, "signifying from Beersheba according to which the doctors were attracted by massive financial rewards. In fact, the hospital spokesman said, some of the doctors would be making a little less than they had in the Kupat Holim institution."
"Inasmuch as the reason for the doctors' leaving is not financial and they nonetheless decided to go to Shaare Zedek, which is still a relatively small hospital, with limited opportunities compared to the central hospital in Beersheba, perhaps one must seek the reasons for leaving in Beersheba," the statement said.
According to other sources, the three senior and four junior doctors decided to leave because they wanted the opportunity to remain in the Negev. A noted surgeon from South Africa, Dr. Shai, was quoted as saying that one of the senior doctors was turned down in his request for a year's leave without pay. That doctor was still in Beersheba.
The Shaare Zedek statement said that Dr. Jersey himself had suggested remaining until this month — instead of leaving in August as he did. Prof. Prywes rejected this offer, the statement said.

'Procrastination at port may cause coal pollution'

BY YAAQOV FREEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA — Port manager Moshe Halal warned yesterday that the authorities' inability to make up their mind on the problem of coal handling for the new Haifa power plant would result in serious ecological harm. Last minute improvisation would inevitably if the decision was delayed much longer, he said.
This week Haifa Mayor Yoram Zelevi announced his opposition to the construction of Haifa Port of the projected 1,350-ton terminal, which would handle the imported coal for the station. "The delays in planning may well result in the very pollution the ecologists want to prevent. It could be largely prevented in a properly planned terminal," Halal said.
Speaking at a meeting with the Haifa Public Relations Association, Halal said so far only the preliminary planning for the terminal project had been carried out. This government had not yet authorized funds for the detailed plans and indeed no final decision on the terminal and its location had yet been made.
"We are already behind schedule. Even if the decision is made immediately, the terminal cannot be completed before 1981," he said. This would be a year after the power plant is scheduled to start operating, so that in any case, some pollution-making improvisations were already certain.

Soviet chessman pulls away from Kagan

HASTINGS, ENGLAND. — Oleg Romanishin, the 25-year-old Soviet chess grandmaster, pulled away from his Israeli rival, Shimon Kagan, in the Hastings International Chess Congress on Tuesday night. After a tense, five-hour game, Romanishin, playing black, won in 41 moves from the French defence.
On the adjoining board, Romanishin's conqueror in round 11, Shimon Kagan of Israel, playing white, had a disappointing game. He lost his slight initial advantage, and the game against Andrew Whiteley of Britain petered out in a draw.



One of greengrocers in Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market prepares for the impending week-long shut down protesting against the requirement to keep books for purposes of Value Added Tax. The country's leading fruit and vegetable markets will close on Sunday as greengrocers voice their claim that they are incapable of keeping the books the tax authorities insist on. (Rahamim Israeli)

Plan to shake up world Zionism

By JUDY SEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
A team of "independent professionals" — determined to take the problems of the World Zionist Organization "by the throat" and revitalize the Zionist movement from the bottom up — have proposed a four-year plan to the chairman of the Zionist Executive.
Allocating decision-making power to local and national Zionist federations; subordinating all types of emissaries in each locality to a central chachal; promoting urban group settlements for immigrants and veteran Israelis; and opening the Zionist movement to non-party activists through democratic elections are some of the far-reaching recommendations unraveled by Ra'anan Weitz, chairman of the WZO's Settlement Department and head of a 26-member team, at a meeting with the press yesterday in Jerusalem.
Although the 85-page report was commissioned by Zionist Executive chairman Yosef Almog and approved by the Executive in July, Weitz insisted that the team be allowed to work without any interference from the Zionist establishment. "I demanded that I be allowed to choose the experts, that we receive no directives from the outside, and that all material in departments and federations be open to us," he recalled. And, in fact, his conditions had been met.
Weitz pledged that he would personally bring all the pressure he

Norwegian parliamentarian: Arabs still rigid on Intel, but smile more now

By DAVID KARLSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter
"Official Arab policies towards Israel are still rigid — but the atmosphere in which this subject is discussed has improved beyond measure," Tor Ottedal, Chairman of the Foreign and Constitutional Affairs Committee in the Norwegian Storting (parliament), told *The Jerusalem Post* on Tuesday evening.
Ottedal is here with fellow members of his committee on a visit to the area. "When I visited Cairo in 1971," he went on, "I found a nation at war. The politicians were full of hatred, there was a kind of desperation. It was depressing."
"Today the mood has changed. We visited Jerusalem. Enormous reconstruction work is taking place on the Suez Canal. A new spirit can be sensed of self-confidence, of optimism for the future."
"As the (woman) chairman of Egypt's parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee put it, 'In the Yom Kippur War we defeated the defeat in our own hearts.'"
"President Assad, in Damascus, was more relaxed than I had expected. In two hours' talk, he did not mention the word 'Zionist' once! He said that Israel is willing to understand that Israel would come to a peaceful solution, thanks to the pressures from the outside world. 'I'm neither an opportunist nor a pessimist,' the Syrian leader pointed out, 'but I think there are better times before.'"
What evidence is there in the policy field of this change in Arab attitudes? "Ideas for concessions have

been thrown up which, if I were an Arab, I would take notice of. One is the suggestion that the Arab powers to Geneva with a single joint mission, to include the Palestinian people, solving the problem of the stateless Palestinian representation."

But surely the Arab world is rich enough to relieve any hardship or want among the refugees in their midst? Ottedal reflected, "You must realize," he said, "that there is a great deal of poverty in Egypt." But no refugees there. "Well, if you can persuade the oil sheikhs to chip in, it would help," he smiled.

Tor Ottedal

Rami Livneh freed

Rami Livneh, 31, jailed in 1973 with other members of a Syrian-operated Jewish-Arab spy ring, has been freed after serving most of his four-year sentence, prison authorities said yesterday.

The District Court had sentenced Livneh to 10 years' imprisonment after finding him guilty of having contacts with the Fatah terror group and failing to prevent a crime by not reporting the meeting to the authorities.

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Namir, Herzog, Amit decline to challenge TA Mayor Lahat

BY SARAH KONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Ora Namir is the latest addition to the list of Labour Party personalities who have declined to fight for the mayoralty of Tel Aviv.
Knesset Member Namir, widow of late mayor Mordechai Namir, was considered as potentially the most powerful candidate Labour could have enlisted to challenge the Likud's Mayor Shlomo Lahat. She is personable and outspoken, and even Likud sources told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that "should she run, she would make a most formidable opponent."
Mrs. Namir told *The Post* that she "had indeed been approached by many both inside the Alignment and outside it." She had decided not to run for a number of personal reasons.
Before returning to his post in New York, U.N. Ambassador Chaim Herzog also responded with a final unequivocal "no" to Labour's attempts to recruit him as the party's candidate for the mayoral position. *The Post* learned yesterday.
Herzog was regarded by many in the Labour Alignment as its "one great hope" in the attempt to wrest City Hall from the Likud. Since the coming elections will be the first to be held on a personal level, it will be essentially a contest between two men, and Labour had counted especially on Herzog attracting the religious vote in town, as the son of late Chief Rabbi.
Nevertheless, Herzog told Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi both serving on the seven-member committee appointed to find Labour a candidate, that he has no interest in municipal office. Herzog is said to have his eye on a more active role in national politics.
Another potential candidate, Knesset managing-director Meir Amit, has refused to run for mayor twice already, his most recent refusal having been made several days ago, as members of the Labour Committee began approaching those potential candidates who had already said "no" in the past and appealing to them to reconsider. Former Deputy Mayor Ariel Ami'ad has also refused to run.
It is as it now seems likely, municipal elections will be scheduled in mid-May on the same day as the Knesset polls. Labour's position in Tel Aviv is close to desperate with no candidate in sight. It is expected that the committee to choose a candidate will have to come up with someone in the next fortnight in order to organize a campaign.

Alignment tables motion to oust Bat Yam mayor

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BAT YAM. — The Alignment faction and the three defectors from the Likud in the Bat Yam city council yesterday tabled a motion calling for a special council session to oust Mayor Yitzhak Walker.
The special session must take place within two weeks. The regular city council session scheduled for yesterday was cancelled following the failure of the Alignment faction and the three defectors to show up.
According to city hall pundits here, the Alignment might help municipal coalition defector David Messika become mayor, without actually forming a coalition with him. Messika, as well as Councilmen Maurice Abutbul and Yehuda Sbeke, bolted Mayor Yitzhak Walker's coalition last month, causing the mayor to lose his city hall majority.
The Alignment, had been afraid that should it officially ally itself in a municipal coalition with the three defectors, the move could backfire and it would be accused of wheedling and dealing during the campaign. The Alignment thus would be "credited" with the last municipal coalition deal, because from May all mayors will be personally elected and immune to such deals.
Nevertheless, Alignment sources say that they could voice with the three ex-Likud coalition members to oust Walker and then could support a motion making Messika mayor. Messika would then head a minority administration, with the Alignment voting with him in the council to keep him in office.
If the Messika faction and the Alignment agree on this move, Messika would only be mayor until the elections; but Alignment circles say that it is worthwhile for their party to oust Walker if only for a very short time.

S. Africans helping soldiers keep kasher

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. — The South African Defence authorities have gone out of their way this year to ensure the special religious requirements of the several hundred Jewish youths who are among the thousands of South Africans drafted for a year's military service.
Fully-equipped kasher kitchens have been set up at all the basic training centres. And servicemen chosen for their good knowledge of Jewish laws and customs have undergone special training to qualify as "kasher chefs".

Peres visits Good Fence, North

BY YORAM HANIZBAHI
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DOVEV. — Defence Minister Shimon Peres, accompanied by O/C Northern Command Aluf Raphael Eytan and by Aluf Avraham Orly, the coordinator of activities in the administered territories, and other senior army officers, yesterday visited Upper Galilee, the Hula region and the Good Fence at Dovev.
Peres spent some time at the Hula Valley kibbutzim of Shamir and Ma'ayan Baruch, where he discussed local security problems with members, and at the Upper Galilee Regional Council at Kiryat Shmona, where he met council officials.
The Defence Minister also chatted with Lebanese chambermaids working at Kiryat Shmona's new Ma'an Hasafon hotel, and then continued in an army helicopter to the Dovev area where he visited informally and met Lebanese leaders from south Lebanon. Peres said he was pleased to hear from the Lebanese that they are satisfied with Israel help to the south.
Some 500 metres of dirt road linking Dovev with the Lebanese village of Rmaich have been improved over the past week by the Lebanese with the aid of Israeli materials. Rain and bad weather had up to yesterday almost stopped foot and road traffic at Dovev on the track into Israel known as the "rescue army road," which was opened in 1948 by the so-called "Arab Rescue Army" of the recently-deceased Fawzi el-Kaukji.
Peres was accompanied by a large number of foreign television crews and correspondents. This afternoon the TV men will be in Tarsish-Ma'alot, where a group of Lebanese workers from Rmaich is scheduled to play a football match with a group of workers from the Jewish-Arab township. The game will be the first sporting event between any Israeli team and a team from an Arab country.

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Uses 'PLO' and 'Palestinians' as synonyms

Vance 'slip of tongue' stuns Senate hearings audience

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON — Secretary of State-designate Cyrus Vance Tuesday said that "it is clear" that "the legitimate interests of the PLO" must be dealt with, but later acknowledged that he had mis-spoken and said he was referring to "Palestinians" in general, not the organization.

In his first appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Vance stunned the packed hearing room by saying, in response to a question, that the legitimate interests of the terrorist organization would have to be considered by the U.S.

American policy has always been to take into consideration the interests of Palestinian Arabs, but not the PLO.

After the nearly three hours confirmation hearing, Vance was pressed by puzzled reporters to clarify his statement on the PLO. At first, he twice said that he had meant exactly

what he had said. But when another reporter asked Vance whether he equates Palestinians and the PLO, Vance thought for a few seconds and replied: "Make it Palestinians. I really think I misspoke on that."

It was clear that during the formal questioning, Vance had confused the Palestinians and the PLO, interchangeably using the two words. Sen. Charles Percy (Republican-Illinois) had been questioning Vance on the Palestinian issue when Vance made his slip of the tongue. Percy asked whether Vance had any information on the recent meeting in Paris between the PLO and non-governmental Israeli personalities.

In reply, Vance said that he had no information on that meeting. But he then went on to say that the "legitimate interests of the PLO" would have to be dealt with. The United States, he continued, would not deal with the PLO because it refuses to recognize Israel's right to exist. U.S. recognition of the PLO

would therefore have to wait, Vance said.

On other matters, Vance confirmed that Arab and Israeli leaders would be invited to Washington in the future to meet with President-elect Carter, but he did not say which ones and when. He said that the May elections in Israel do not mean that no progress can be made in advance on beginning to explore such prospects.

Vance said that the Israeli political situation was "complicated" and that he could not present any timetable for Middle East diplomatic progress.

Regarding U.S. arms sales to Egypt, Vance said that he was familiar only with Egypt's request for additional C-130 military transport planes. Last year, Egypt received six such planes from the U.S.

But under questioning, Vance would not rule out eventual arms sales to Egypt. He merely listed three criteria which the United States would have to take into consideration before agreeing to make such a sale: 1) The security requirements of the country involved; 2) The effect the sales would have on the regional balance of power; and 3) The effect the sales would have in promoting peace prospects in the Middle East.

Vance said that the U.S. is committed to supplying Israel with military assistance for its security. He also said that the U.S. has bilateral arms relationships with Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

On the Arab economic boycott against Israel, the new Secretary of State, who takes office on January 20 after Carter is inaugurated, would only say that the new administration has not yet taken an official position on this sensitive issue.

On Monday, Secretary of Commerce-designate Juanita Kreps said the new administration would support new legislation designed to block compliance by U.S. firms with the Arab boycott of Israel.

In the House International Relations Committee, four ranking members are already circulating such legislation seeking additional co-sponsors before formally submitting a new bill shortly after Carter takes office.

Last year, the Ford administration, in a last minute effort, successfully used parliamentary delaying tactics to block the legislation. But Congressmen are vowed to reintroduce the measure this year. They have been awaiting signals from Carter on the new administration's stand, and that was why Vance's ambiguous response yesterday — as compared to Kreps' more forceful statement — was being carefully scrutinized.

Vance also said that he would hope to discuss with the Soviet Union a reduction of superpower arms supplies to various states in the Middle East. He said that this was an important matter that had previously failed to get off the ground because it had depended on a political settlement in the region.

Asked who he would appoint as the new U.S. ambassador to Israel, Vance said that the whole question of U.S. envoys would be raised only in two weeks. He would not provide any names that are being considered.



BROWN AT SENATE — U.S. Defense Secretary-designate Harold Brown, right, arrives at Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on his appointment yesterday. With him is the committee chairman, Sen. John Stennis, a Mississippi Democrat. (UPI telephoto)

New defence chief lauds Gen. Brown

WASHINGTON — U.S. Defense Secretary-designate Harold Brown has praised controversial Gen. George S. Brown as a "highly professional" officer and lauded that the general's future will hinge on his military work rather than his past public comments.

"I would expect to judge him on the basis of his professional performance," Brown told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday.

There had been speculation that the incoming administration of

President-elect Carter might try to ease Gen. Brown out, although he has about 18 months remaining on his term as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Brown has gotten into trouble in the past with comments about Israel and Jewish influence.

"I've known Gen. Brown for 15 years," commented the incoming Defense Secretary, who is Jewish. "We're good friends. I've known him to be highly professional." (AP)

Dissidents interrogated again by Czech police

VIENNA — Czechoslovak security police were yesterday reported to be interrogating leading dissidents for the third day running in a sharp crackdown against a new human rights movement.

Dissident sources in Prague, contacted by telephone from Vienna, said at least four dissidents arrested on Monday and freed on Tuesday had been asked to return to police headquarters yesterday morning for further questioning.

They were named as playwrights Václav Havel and Pavel Kohout, Ludvík Vaculík, a writer, and Dr. Petr Pávek, a philosopher. They were arrested on Monday and held before being freed on Tuesday. The four were asked to return "voluntarily" to police headquarters yesterday.

Dissident sources said no formal charges had been leveled against those being questioned, and officials they were still only witnesses in a security investigation. The sources reported that security police had arrested and held at least a dozen dissidents on Tuesday in connection with the "Charter 77" democratic rights manifesto.

Playwright Kohout was arrested by policemen who emerged from two police cars "in assault fashion" in a Prague street.

Czechoslovakia's Communist Party newspaper "Rude Pravo" reacted for the first time to the "Charter 77" manifesto, branding it an "anti-state anti-socialist and anti-people document." The paper also indicated that opponents of the regime may be preparing a counter-revolution.

But "Rude Pravo" vowed there would not be another 1968, referring to what is now described as the counter-revolution led by liberal reformer and party chief Alexander Dubček.

"Rude Pravo" claimed the signatories of the charter want "such rights and freedom which would permit them again to freely organize anti-state and anti-party activities, proclaim anti-sovietism and again seek to smash socialist state power."

THE WORLD IN BRIEF

U.S. unemployment dips, food prices up sharply

WASHINGTON — Unemployment in the United States declined from 8.1 to 7.9 per cent last month, the U.S. Government said yesterday, but the good news was offset by another sharp jump in prices, particularly for food. Coffee, pork and poultry costs were the chief ingredients in the biggest rise in farm and food prices in eight months and pushed over-all wholesale prices up nine-tenths of a per cent in December. Industrial price increases slowed, with natural gas costs turning down after rapidly increasing for several months.

The improvement in the job picture was an indication the economy is beginning to revive after a summer-fall period of stagnation and rising joblessness. The pause in the business recovery had aroused concern among economists and prompted President-elect Jimmy Carter to propose a two-year package of tax cuts and rebates and job-creating measures.

Unemployment had dropped from a recession peak of 9.9 per cent in May 1975 to a low of 7.8 per cent last May. The rate then started rising and stuck on a plateau of 7.8 to 7.9 per cent from July through October, before jumping to 8.1 per cent in November. (AP)

East Germany withdraws guards

EAST BERLIN — East Germany yesterday withdrew extra guards posted outside the West German mission here to stop unauthorized East Germans from entering.

The appearance of the guards on Tuesday, believed connected with a recent wave of exit applications by East Germans, raised sharp protests from the Bonn Government. (Reuters)

95 arrested in South Africa

CAPE TOWN — A special task force of the Cape Peninsula anti-riot unit and detectives made a pre-dawn sweep yesterday on Langa — one of the three African townships in the Cape Peninsula — and arrested 95 people on a variety of charges, including setting fire to six black schools.

A number of those arrested were suspected of being members of "The Comrades Movement" — the movement believed to be behind unrest in the peninsula.

The arrested people were taken to a central point where they were questioned by a special group of detectives, assembled after the rioting broke out in the peninsula last year. (AP)

3 seamen dead, 17 missing

ANKARA — At least three Soviet seamen were feared dead and 15 Hungarian seamen reported missing after their ships sank in separate collisions in the fog-bound waters of the Bosporus and the Dardanelles early yesterday, Turkish officials said. (Reuters)

'Holy Grail' at British Museum

LONDON — The British Museum yesterday announced details of a great exhibition of gold and silver from the late Roman world.

Among its 830 objects is a cup which some scholars believe is the "Holy Grail" itself, the cup Jesus used at the Last Supper, said Museum Director Dr. David Wilson.

The exhibition, called "Wealth of the Roman World", covers the period between 300 and 700 A.D. and "ranges right across the ancient world," a museum official said. (UPI)

Snowstorm delays deportation of Cuban 'spy school' head

MONTREAL — Two Cubans accused of running a school for espionage here were still awaiting deportation to Havana on Tuesday after a snow storm delayed their departure, immigration officials said.

Hector Aracosta, graduate student and part-time lecturer in mathematics at a local university, and Santo Hernandez-Guesta, a Cuban Consulate employee, were held here on Sunday for their alleged involvement in a spy school being run at the Cuban Consulate.

Three other Cubans, all with diplomatic status, were asked to leave the country after they were suspected of being involved in the scandal. One of them is currently outside Canada and will not be allowed re-entry, immigration spokesmen said.

The announcement of the arrests of the two Cubans came after reports from Rhodesia quoted an American

mercenary as saying the Cuban Consulate in Montreal was being used to train spies. A Rhodesian newspaper quoted David Buzdin, an American mercenary who apparently turned double agent, as saying he was trained in Montreal before being sent to Rhodesia.

The investigation which led to the expulsion of the five Cubans was begun by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police after a bomb exploded at the Cuban trade commission here in April, 1972, the "Montreal Gazette" said.

The bomb, which was planted in the false ceiling of the 12th floor, exploded in what the officer described as "a room within a room, totally isolated and bug-proof," the "Gazette" says.

The newspaper says the RCMP investigation into the incident, which provoked sharp criticism from Cuban leader Fidel Castro, led to the discovery of the alleged spy school.

No rabbi at Inaugural, Jewish groups protest

The Washington Post
WASHINGTON — Leaders of the Jewish and Orthodox Christian communities have criticized Carter inauguration organizers for not including a rabbi and an Orthodox priest in the religious segment of the inauguration of Carter and Vice President-elect Walter Mondale.

The decision to have only Protestant and Roman Catholic clerics pray at the ceremony broke with 20 years of tradition. In 1949, a rabbi joined Catholic and Protestant participants for the first time. In 1967, an Orthodox archbishop was included in order to give symbolic representation to the four major faith groups in the U.S.

Inauguration officials announced last week that United Methodist Bishop William Cannon of Atlanta, a personal friend of Carter, would give the invocation and Catholic

Archbishop John Roach of St. Paul, Minneapolis, Minnesota, a friend of Mondale, would offer the benediction.

Isaac Goodfriend, a cantor from Atlanta, will sing the "Star Spangled Banner" to close the ceremony.

Inaugural spokesmen said the programme reflected Carter's wishes.

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, ecumenical officer for the American Jewish Committee in New York, said that, as planned, "the emphasis will come through that this is only a Christian nation."

"It will be seen as a message that Orthodox Christians and Jews are not part of the business of America," he said.

"A cantor singing the 'Star Spangled Banner' is a sop to the Jews. It will be seen by some as a joke."

Avalanche covers ski resort

BERGAMO, Italy — An avalanche thundered down the Italian Alps north of here yesterday, burying several houses and killing at least eight people.

First reports from the tiny ski resort village of Foppello, perched 1,500 metres above sea level, said five or six houses had been buried beneath a mass of snow and ice.

The alarm was raised by two

villagers who managed to battle through the snow to the next town.

All telephone communications with the village appeared to be cut and police in nearby Branzi, lower down the Brembo valley, were yesterday organising rescue attempts.

One report said the avalanche was the first in the Foppello area since the beginning of the century. (Reuters)

Heavy damage in Africa eruption

BRUSSELS — Nyragongo, the second tallest active volcano in Africa, erupted on Monday in Eastern Zaire, spewing out lava which caused widespread damage. However, reports of up to 2,000 dead were flatly denied by the Zaire government.

A film crew flying over the volcano in a helicopter reported the lava

stopped five kilometres from the town of Goma and hurried part of the town's airstrip, preventing rescue workers from flying in and virtually cutting communications with the rest of the country.

Nyragongo, one of the peaks of the Virunga volcanic mountain range, last erupted in 1973. (AP)

First major crisis of Peking's new ruler

New pressures on Chairman Hua

By JAY MATTHEWS
The Washington Post

HONG KONG. — The infant administration of Chinese Communist Party Chairman Hua Kuo-feng appears to be facing its first full-fledged crisis after six days of surprisingly unrestrained public demands for changes in its lineup.

Since last Thursday, wall posters have appeared in the centre of Peking calling for the immediate appointment of twice-purged party veteran Teng Hsiao-ping as head of the government and disciplinary transfers for two Politburo members thought to be key Hua allies.

Hua has so far failed to make a joint appearance with his Politburo to commemorate the January 8 anniversary of the death of Premier Zhou En-lai. Hua's press agents also Monday took the unusual step of reporting a Hua banquet appearance without giving its date, as if the Chairman was too occupied to appear in public but needed to keep his name in the headlines.

The wall poster demands that Peking Mayor Wu Teh and Peking army commander Chen Hsi-lien be transferred out of the capital as a clear sign that China's political campaign against Mao Tse-tung's disgraced widow, Chiang Ching, is no longer under the full control of the 13-member ruling Politburo. It instead confirms that a leadership debate over how to reward Teng and punish Chiang, which could only be surmised up to now from veiled hints in the official media, has escalated to hunt talk in the streets.

This week's crowds have come out to support the consumer-oriented Communism represented by Chou and appeared to be spurred on both by individual sentiment and the behind-the-scenes manoeuvres of key pressure groups.

For various, sometimes contradictory reasons, the crowds are trying to force Hua and the rest of the leadership to make several key decisions:

- When Teng will be returned to power and in what position.
- How high and deep the purge of followers of Chiang's "Gang of Four" should go, and whether Chiang and her three radical cohorts should be executed.

- Which of last year's political criminals, like the rioters in Tien An Men Square, should be pardoned now that the political climate has changed and their heroes, Teng and the late Premier Chou, appear to have returned to favour.

If the leadership debate over these questions is not resolved soon, China risks a return to the political confusion and production delays of the past year. There could also be serious damage to Hua's authority as Mao's successor.

The free-for-all atmosphere over the last few days in the Chinese



Teng Hsiao-ping: Proper man to be premier?

capital has rekindled an old debate among analysts here over how spontaneous and rare outpourings of man-in-the-street opinion in China are. Some argue that all the posters have been authorized by some faction of the leadership; others say that individuals are taking advantage of a temporary leadership stalemate to express their own views.

There are also some who suggest that Hua has encouraged expressions of opinion in the tradition of Mao's phrase, "Let a hundred flowers bloom" both to get a reading of popular sentiment and to lure his opponents into showing their true colours.

"We want Teng Hsiao-ping as premier right away," said a Peking poster seen on Sunday, pinpointing perhaps the most difficult and immediate problem facing Hua. Giving in to this demand would mean relieving the premiership Hua now holds to an abrasive official with stronger ties to key army leaders than Hua has himself. It would also mean contravening the sacred instructions of Mao, who picked Hua,

66, over Teng, 73, for the top government post and reportedly said: "Teng is absolutely not the proper man to be premier."

But Teng has many supporters, including Hua's second in command Defence Minister Ye Chien-ying. According to some unconfirmed reports even Finance Minister Li Hsien-nien, highly qualified to be premier himself, has supported Teng for the post.

The reasons for attacks on sitting Politburo members this week are less easy to discern. Peking Mayor Wu appears to have drawn heat from his efforts to curtail last April's riots, as well as his apparent opposition to Teng.

Peking commander Chen, the most powerful general in the army, is also blamed for the harsh treatment of last year's rioters. He also has a history of association with Chiang. Last year Chiang made an intense effort to win him to her side, even trying to arrange a marriage between one of her daughters by Mao and Chen's son, Communist sources here said.

This week's demonstrations have carried the vehement official attacks on Chiang and her cohorts to their logical conclusion — an outright call for their execution. The Chinese have rarely officially announced the fate of purged party leaders, but there has been no credible evidence that any have ever been executed.

Some leaders appear to be arguing now that the crimes of the Gang of Four are bad enough, and their threat as rallying points for future dissent real enough, to merit the death sentence. In answer, other Politburo members — Hua apparently among them — decided to release a 20-year-old Mao speech that argued: "Once a head is chopped off, history shows it can't be restored, nor can it grow again as olives do, after being cut. If you cut off a head by mistake, there is no way to rectify the mistake (and) you will have destroyed a source of evidence (against other) counter-revolutionaries."

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- NETANYA REGION**
Mon., Jan. 17, 8:30 p.m. — "The Cactus Flower" movie with Walter Matthau and Goldie Hawn. Members IL\$50; others IL\$10.
Wed., Jan. 19, 10:00 a.m. — "Biography of Theodor Herzl" Charles Michels.
Sat., Jan. 22, 8:30 p.m. — Young People's Group: Folk Dancing.
Mon., Jan. 24, 8:30 p.m. — English Play Reading and Songs. All meetings at Shalom Hanativ Street, Netanya.
- PETIT AVIV REGION**
Thurs., Jan. 13, 8:00 p.m. — "Jews in Arab Lands": film and discussion. Moudon Naimat, 15 Kerev, Karmel, 15, Sharet, Golan.
Fri., Jan. 14, 8:00 p.m. — Ashkelon: Formation of Group of "Young Mitzraim" 76 Sderot.
Tue., Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m. — "Conversion in Israel." Judith Kirshenbaum at Beit Rehov Ha'atsumot, Beit Zeev.
Thurs., Jan. 20, 8:00 p.m. — Erwin Freundl, Editor, Jerusalem Post: Israel's Political System and How it Works." Beit Brodetsky, Ramat Aviv.
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דוכן מן המזל

His master's voice

IT IS RATHER EASY to dismiss Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy as a fire-eating buffoon who cannot shake off the habit of playing war-games. Fahmy sounds so often out of tune with his boss, President Sadat, that he is apt to strike some of his listeners, especially those in the West, as a fresh accident. While Sadat never ceases to conjure up visions of a Middle East peace, however attenuated they may be in substance, Fahmy tirelessly piles up assured conditions as obstacles on the road to a settlement — such as a 50-year ban on aliyah to Israel. While Sadat regularly assures foreign visitors of his aversion to war, Fahmy repeatedly warns of the possibility of a renewal of hostilities.

In an address to the joint foreign relations and security committee of the Egyptian Parliament, on Tuesday, Fahmy again talked of war with Israel — if diplomatic efforts fail to result in a final settlement. On Arab terms, that is.

This kind of threat is, of course, a patent violation not only of the spirit but of the letter of Egypt's unequivocal undertaking in the interim accord of September 1975. In Article 1 of the agreement Egypt (and Israel) agreed that the conflict "shall not be resolved by military force but by peaceful means." On the narrowest interpretation, this commitment was to remain in force "for three-and-a-half years, until early 1979."

Yet, judging by Fahmy, Egypt will not hesitate to tear up its pledge as soon as it determines that doing so is practicable, and will serve its interests best.

Is there any reason to believe that Fahmy represents a particularly warlike school of thought, rather than the settled policy of the Egyptian Government? Of course not. The Egyptian President may employ his Foreign Minister as a marionette to voice his more stridently belligerent notions, but the voice is still his own. He, and he alone, is the boss.

Indeed a far more serious violation of the Sinai accord than the Fahmy speech was perpetrated by Sadat himself in the revival of the joint military command with Syria and Jordan, two months ago.

The agreement did allow Egypt to take up arms in the defence of Syria, if it were attacked; an eventuality which, needless to say, was not contemplated by Israel. The new military command signals readiness to start war again, not to counter any military provocation but as a means of achieving Arab national purposes. Even during the life of the agreement.

To be sure, readiness is not necessarily intent, and Egypt's apologists may argue that it largely serves as a means of pressuring Israel — and the U.S., to press Israel — to accept a settlement on Arab terms. But these terms — total Israeli withdrawal in exchange for an Arab declaration of non-belligerence — add up to a wholly unacceptable surrogate for peace. Readiness and intent may therefore be separated by little more than the estimate of the prospects of success in making another war.

For all that, the conclusion of the Sinai accord need not be regretted. Nor would it be wise to ignore the recent changes in the Arab mood echoed anew by the high-level Norwegian delegation now visiting here. But by the same token it would be highly imprudent to dismiss warlike talk from Cairo as merely an exercise in diplomacy.

A victory for the engineers

THE ENGINEERS have been patient negotiators compared with other unions, and their confidence in the use of proper, formal procedures is now vindicated. The labour court has pronounced that they are entitled to a rise in pay — but on certain very specific conditions.

The concept adopted could be called the rate-for-the-job. Engineers who hold posts that are responsible enough or technical enough to require full engineering qualifications should be paid more than the wage for the present engineers' grade. In other words, the salary is attached to the job performed, not to the academic certificate brandished.

This should be taken into account when considering the reaction of the technicians. Their union has been a plague to the engineers, owing to its insistence on linkage with the salaries of their professional superiors. Its secretary, Zalman Shenhman, states that whatever the engineers get, the technicians will demand, because, he says, the technicians do the same jobs and they have just as many years of study to their credit.

This claim to equality is, of course, not justified. The engineers are university graduates, the technicians are not. It is true that some technicians do engineers' work in Israel, and many engineers do technicians' work. The first necessity is to disentangle this overlap.

Meanwhile all parties should take a step back, and try to see the problem in perspective. The Barkai committee did not recommend that persons doing non-professional jobs should get a raise. The subject of the report is differentials. If all the unions demand the same preferment as the engineers, the subject is no longer differentials, it is wage policy.

The confusion between the two concepts has been with us for a long time. It lies behind the endless spiral of wage increases, one union chasing the other — which ends up in inflation rather than improved living standards.

Mr. Shenhman should take note that not all doctors have got a wage boost, only doctors in hospital wards. Not all engineers will rate the new bonus (whose size has yet to be negotiated), only those performing a job that requires full academic qualifications.

The Barkai committee recommendations are confined to persons with a university degree, and as such may be relevant to kindred professional groups, like the biochemists and the microbiologists. But if all ranks in the public service get the same advancement, then the cash increment will be eroded by higher prices. No one will benefit in the end. The incentive to potential candidates for senior posts will be lost. And the dribble of people with top qualifications away from Government employ will continue unabated.

ISRAEL PRESS

DAVAT (Histadrut) says "a kind of juridical 'reverse Entebbe' operation" brought about the release, not of innocent hostages, but of a "mass-murderer who organised the slaughter of Israeli sportsmen at the Munich Olympics."

The paper notes that the French Government "has had its reward: the terrorist organization which originally despatched Abu Daoud on his atrocity-mission has welcomed the salvation of the good relations between France and the PLO with the Arab governments joining in the praise... Only a fool will not under-

stand that the rapidity of the juridical action was directed from above."

The paper asserts: "Israel's citizens will learn from France's cynical behaviour that the blood of Israelis is of no account in Paris. They will take note, too, of the PLO's identification with one of the most brutal of murderers, an identification which serves as a reminder of the PLO's essence as a terrorist organization — something that some of the good and the naive among us are seeking to forget and have forgotten."

Jerusalem Municipality

The attention of Jerusalem residents is drawn to the fact that a number of rabid animals have been found in Jerusalem in recent weeks.

The public is warned not to pet dogs and cats wandering the streets, and to instruct their children accordingly. Dog owners must comply with the law, which requires that dogs not be allowed to wander the streets.

Dog owners should allow their dogs on the streets, only on a leash and muzzled. Dog owners who allow their dogs to wander the streets freely WILL BE PROSECUTED, AND THE DOGS DESTROYED.

Inoculation of dogs and issuance of dog licences is carried out at the Veterinary Service, 56 Rehov Ussishkin, Jerusalem (Tel. 223257) and by private veterinarians. After working hours, complaints about dogs wandering freely should be made to Tel. 61111.

Elections and personalities

The coming national election campaign will centre around the personalities of the leading candidates, and not party issues.

This is both welcome and inevitable, says YOSEF GOELL.

THE AGE of personal politics which has been siddling in through the back door of Israel's politics for some elections now, is finally upon us. This is the message implicit in Mr. Peres' defiance of Prime Minister Rabin; in the Yadin-Shimul challenge from outside the system, and even in the changes going on inside the Likud.

To be sure, personal politics — in the sense of personal competition for power through elections — is at the core of all electoral politics in Western democracies. There is, however, a tacit assumption among the Israeli politicians concerned that it is impermissible to admit this fact too openly. To do so, it is commonly believed, is to court a loss of support among a large part of the electorate who are said to expect a more saintly men from their would-be leaders.

Nowhere among Western democracies has this facade of party platform and party image, put up to obscure the seemingly "brutal" core of individual competition for power, been stronger than in Israel. This adamant denial of the personal element in politics, and the insistent glorification of ideology, are a half-century-old projection of the politics of both Left and Right of East and Central Europe, whence our political founding fathers came.

Our electoral politics were more ideological than personal in the pre-State Yishuv period when there was no state power worth contending over. After the founding of Israel,

when the number of true believers within and outside the parties declined precipitously, electoral campaigns tended to gravitate around leading personalities more than around the issues. Israel's first real campaign manager, Mapai's Yosef Almog, came up with the slogan of "Say Yes to the Old Man," referring to Ben-Gurion, back in 1969. When Ben-Gurion split with Mapai in 1968, what saved the election for the newly formed Mapai-Ahdui Ha'avoda Alignment was the "Citizens for Eshkol" slogan and organization.

MORE RECENTLY the new trend received its formal legitimation in the law providing for the personal election of mayors. The first round of elections under this law — not counting the December 1975 election in Nazareth — will be held this year.

The ancient facade has by no means entirely collapsed. This explains some of the arguments adduced by the old-time Labour Party leadership in an attempt to dissuade Mr. Peres from launching his candidacy. Characteristically, the big gun mobilized in this effort, which proved futile, was former Prime Minister Golda Meir.

The most portentous sign of the

changing times, however, came this week from what should have been the very Temple of Labour, the party's branch in Hahar Aristobulus.

At its meeting at Hahar Kiryat Anavim the branch council rejected by a large majority a proposal by supporters of Prime Minister Rabin that "competition over the party's candidate for Premier... is inconsistent with the requirements of party unity."

It was thus all the more odd to see newly-declared candidate Shimon Peres, on Tuesday's Moked television programme, parrying every attempt by his interviewer to get him to explain why he thinks he would be better in the post than Mr. Rabin. The result of the interview was a blandness which left many viewers puzzled as to why Mr. Peres was bothering to mouni his challenge at all.

ONE GETS A BETTER understanding of the problems confronting Mr. Peres when one views the possible solution in stages. As Mr. Peres himself undoubtedly does, the Defence Minister's first task is to get his party's nomination. It is not the public at large that will give or deny him the nod, but the 600-odd

members of the Labour Party's Central Committee to be elected by next month's convention.

In lobbying for the party's vote Mr. Peres and his supporters have been highlighting the purely personal theme. The major argument they are using is that Peres is definitely better than Rabin in at least one crucial respect: Rabin, they say, will lead the party to a catastrophic electoral defeat, while Peres' more stable and polished public performance will minimize the party's inevitable loss of Knesset seats in the May elections.

This argument, however, can only be advanced in a minor key, and in private, for fear of setting off such an emotional reaction by Rabin's supporters in the party, and by the party Old Guard, as to lead to a split. Mr. Peres has thus been going to enormous lengths to prove how regular a Party Regular he really is. Part of the strategy would also seem to be to goad Mr. Rabin and his associates into personal attacks on Peres, so that Rabin and not Peres would bear the onus of being the first to set off a party free-for-all.

This may be essential for the first,

intra-party stage, but it will not do in the second and final actual election campaign. The personalities of the candidates will become dominant. For the truth is that a few real, as opposed to cynical, bogus, issues, that can serve to guide the open voter. Not that there is a problems confronting Israel externally and internally. Problems are so complex, times are so intractable that certainly not susceptible to "solutions" which cluster platforms.

TRUE, CASTING a political primarily in terms of personal virtues the danger of a descent political gutter. This is a I will have to be accepted, one may hope that it will be a One may also express his even at this early stage, I major parties which ex- pretensions to forming the the next government identifi- leading actors and the Cabinet posts for which they tended. The charge who re- records of the men who hope our next Prime Minister Ministers of Defence, Jus- tice, Finance and — consid- central role of the corrupt — Justice, are a more proper for public debate than vague on hypothetical issues.

Dry Bones



READERS' LETTERS

HEPATITIS IN IDF

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I was shocked at the news item in your issue of December 28, "IDF suffered high incidence of hepatitis." From all I have heard and seen, jaundice has always been endemic in the IDF, and what you mentioned in your article surely does not seem exaggerated. If, however, it was now necessary to go into print about it, matters must have greatly deteriorated, had as they have always been. The thing that has always shocked me was the way it was shrugged off and taken for granted.

That the situation could be entirely different can be seen in any military camp or other military environment, say in the U.S. army. To someone who knows other armies hygiene discipline in the IDF, both on the personal and on the general level, leaves much to be desired. For the matter, let us admit it, Israel as a whole is a filthy country. I would be unable to point out a really clean public toilet facility anywhere in the country, except possibly in some of the highest grade tourist hotels.

M.A. HARTOG
Haifa.

THE PRICE OF COFFEE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — To charge IL36 or so for an economy can of instant coffee and IL10 for 100 grams of ground coffee is daylight robbery. I shall not drink a drop of coffee for a month and ask you readers to do likewise.

Again the Treasurer has shared the greed of interested parties (sugar wholesalers and motor insurance — remember?) instead of taking the lead in fighting inflation. The sugar story shows up the pleas of rising world prices for the bias-blah they are: when sugar prices reverted to normal, the Treasury reduced the consumer price by 10 per cent!

ABRAHAM ELLERIN
Ra'anana.

THE D.M.C.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — On January 5, your reporter wrote that Mr. Avriai "...will run for election in that party's Knesset list..." (Professor Yadin's Democratic Movement for Change). Contrary to all other Israeli parties, the D.M.C. has no party bodies which appoint members to any posts or set up election lists. It is the individual members, and only they, who will decide by secret ballot who will run for election on the party platform.

GIDEON WEIGERT
Jerusalem

SUICIDOLGY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am writing as a physician and psychiatrist with clinical and research experience in suicide. According to your report of January 6, "The Prime Minister quoted segments of Mr. Ofek's suicide note and stated: 'These are the sincerest of words I have ever said, the supreme moment of truth and they stand as a challenge to all those who malign him and who spilled his blood.'"

In his Television of January 7, Philip Gillon is even more pointed: "Apart from the murder of Cor." These are serious and unforgotten accusations against not only "unsaved people" but even more important, against the population as a whole. Must such a private and personal tragedy be turned into a public affair?

I certainly would not dare to venture a definite opinion about the cause of Mr. Ofek's suicide. If he had suddenly keeled over and dropped dead, no responsible physician would have dared give a definite opinion as to the cause of death without a complete autopsy. "Psychological utopias" have been conducted by experts in suicidology, based on a scientific analysis of a whole life story — in the past as well as in the present. Even this was to become in Mr. Ofek's case, it should be private affair for the family and a family only.

Finally let me quote the insightful remark on suicide by Albert Camus: "Man has only one free choice, to live or to die. I choose to live." Some choose to die.

Prof. MILTON ROSENBAUM, M.D.
Jerusalem.

POSTSCRIPTS

"THE PAIWORD is 'Conrad' is the title of a book written by Sir Caste, about a Righteous Gile whose death last month was reported in both the London 'Jewish Chronicle' and the 'Daily Express'."

Charles Card, a sergeant major in the Royal Artillery, was taken prisoner by Germans in 1940 and sent to a workcamp in the Auschwitz area. Together with some of his comrades, he established contact with doomed Jews in the death camp and equipped some of them to commit acts of sabotage. Eventually, by means of ingenious and perilous escapes, he managed to escape of some 400 Jews from Auschwitz.

Coward's wife visited Israel on several occasions and in 1962 he planted sapling in the Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles at Yad Veshem.

PERHAPS the most unexpected thing to be revealed by poet Haim Guri during a luncheon address in Tel Aviv last week had to do with Karl Marx and Jerusalem.

Guri was telling his audience — the Israel Bar Association — that young Israelis were very ignorant about the country's history over the past "wonderful 100 years of Jewish rebirth in Israel." Many young soldiers to whom he had lectured, he commented, did not know that for over a century Jerusalem had had a Jewish majority.

"The late Moshe Shalev once wrote me a note in which he quoted Karl Marx on the subject. In 1865 Marx visited Jerusalem as a war correspondent (presumably while covering the Crimean War) and described the poverty of the 800 Jews among the 15,000 inhabitants of the city."

S.S.

Calling the cops

Before the State came into being, the Yishuv used to resort to informal controls in trying to prevent wrongdoing in the public service. Today we place all our trust in the formal agencies of criminal justice. In deal-

ing with the problem, however there remains a broad range of middle options which have been adequately institutioned, says ALLAN (AVRAHAM) SHAPIRO.

THE TRAGEDY of Avraham Ofer has brought into question the role of the police — and the instruments of criminal justice — in general — as a means of administrative control. This is a much broader issue than that of possible abuse by the police of their authority. It is the question of the abuse of the police, by imposing on them functions which they are unsuited to perform.

A warning flag should have been hoisted when the police were given the job of finding out who had leaked the Amoco Memorandum, dealing with drilling rights of the Egyptian-American company in the Gulf of Suez, to the press. Could senior civil servants be under a cloud of suspicion heavy enough to warrant their submission to lie-detector tests, but not seriously enough to require their transfer, suspension, or dismissal? Could the individuals involved be expected to work together as a team after such an experience?

True, Yitzhak Rabin had learned a lesson from Richard Nixon's error in organizing a private police unit, the so-called plumbers, to plug leaks of security secrets to the press. But that was not the only, or even the principal, error to be avoided. Nixon had taken on private mercenaries as the public law-enforcement agencies were not suitable instruments for upholding norms of political and administrative loyalty. It was simply not a job for police, regular or irregular.

Resort to the instrumentalities of criminal justice means that the ordinary methods of civil control have failed. When a cooperative effort, such as administrative or governmental teamwork, is involved the principal means of controlling deviant behaviour is by promoting mutual confidence. Police intervention can hardly serve as a substitute for trust. It may, however, serve as a certain means of destroying any trust that may exist.

When John Profumo, Minister of State for War in the Macmillan Cabinet, came under suspicion of misconduct involving a serious breach of security, he made a statement to the Prime Minister and to the House of Commons denying the allegations. Given a tradition of public confidence, his statement was accorded full faith and credit. This was the only course possible, if collegial relations in government, essential in a parliamentary democracy, were to be preserved.

THE PROFUMO AFFAIR, however, was the atypical case in which the Minister proved undeserving of the trust unreservedly extended him.

When the press uncovered (although did not at first publish) information impugning his veracity, the shock was not Profumo's adultery but his violation of the trust of his colleagues and of the House of Commons.

The contrast with practice in the case of Avraham Ofer is striking. No question was put to Ofer in the Knesset, but rather to the Minister of Police. There appears to have been no assumption, even on the part of his political allies, that the word of a Cabinet Minister was entitled to a higher degree of credence, barring evidence to the contrary, than that of his accusers.

Yitzhak Rabin was unquestionably motivated by a dread of even the suspicion of a cover-up. One may detect in it as well an over-reaction to the methods of the pre-State Yishuv, in which the ethic of the public mission, the *achdut*, was the principal, often the only, guarantee of proper conduct. In the pre-independence era, the police and the courts were instruments of foreign domination. But they were not only taboo; they were also largely unneeded. Public opinion supplied a sanction as powerful and as effective as any that the unavailable instruments of criminal justice could offer.

Indeed, the sanction of public opinion and the importance of one's reputation were so important that there was considerable reluctance to publish results of even proven wrongdoing. In 1927 a special committee of inquiry concluded that some Histadrut employees had received salaries and other benefits in violation of the prevailing egalitarian principles. This was the first major case of corruption in Yishuv annals involving the labour movement. Ben-Gurion and other top leaders refused to permit publication of the report or disclosure of the names of the individuals involved, arguing that they

would have no alternative leave the country, if exposed.

THE SURVIVAL of the ethic public mission to our day still public suspicion far more than the and powerful than it is oriented, career culture, such of the United States. This may reason why the Americans the deflation of public office a normal attributes of freedom press, except where there is malice.

The generally successful us formal procedures in the period meant an inadequate ment of methods of formal within the Yishuv. Even today may well be inadequate in institutions, particularly the enterprises of the Histadrut, firmest roots in the pre-political culture. Between controls, based on trust and fidelity, and the instrumental criminal justice, there remained a broad range of options still, dimly formalized. Had it Histadrut supervision of Shalev been adequate, police action would have been unlikely resort, as it properly should.

The lie-detector and the police investigation are not the means achieve a civic culture, but that it has somehow fi. Moreover, criminal justice is absence of politics, but a di- sort of politics. The police, for have interests to promote.

The law-enforcement agencies seem to have been accorded trust and confidence denied a Government Minister. No one appears have suggested — let alone re- mitted to lie-detector tests to this leads to the press in re- investigations. By an odd twist seem to be the heirs of the tradition, in which public trust- itutes for formal rules to the norms of public service.



Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur....

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